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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF PLANS, DCS/O

SUBJECT: Future Course of Action in Connection with the Situation in Korea

1. The Director of Operations generally concurs in the draft memorandum to the Chief of Staff, subject as above (Inclosure 1), and offers the following comments:

a. Reference paragraph 2. Any course of action that restricts Air Force operations within the presently imposed geographical boundaries cannot be decisive and will only lead to further attrition of equipment with negative overall results.

b. Reference paragraph 3. Concur that Course No. 3 (paragraph 50, page 2252, JCS 1776/367) ("D" in NSC 147) be adopted. However, in reviewing the force augmentation outlined to accomplish the tasks (paragraph 53, page 225, JCS 1776/136) it is apparent that this estimate is high. The Force structure presently available to FEAF will generally be capable of action required by Course No. 3. However, some changes in unit equipment by types should be effected prior to carrying out the required action. The one possible exception would be in the reconnaissance field and the small additional capability can be phased into FEAF as necessary.

c. Reference paragraph 4. It should be borne in mind that the U. S. would probably be required to furnish material and monetary support of such action.

d. Reference paragraph 5:

(1) Any course of action adopted under the restrictions now imposed could not be terminated in decisive action even with the use of atomic weapons.

(2) Concur that the use of atomic weapons is necessary if the present war is extended. A realistic appraisal of weapon requirements, based on intelligence and target systems should be

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accomplished before actual numbers are recommended outside the Air Force.

a. Reference paragraph 6. In view of paragraph 1 b., it will not be necessary to delay movement of units to Europe.

2. It is recommended that Inclosure 1 be changed to reflect the following:

a. No augmentation to FEAF forces except possibly some reconnaissance aircraft.

b. Do not consider the use of atomic weapons under a course of action that restricts Air Force to operations within Korea.

COMMENTS

c. The Air Force must have authority to utilize atomic weapons if the war is extended beyond present limits.

d. A sufficient number of weapons must be available to accomplish the mission.

e. Deploy units to Europe as programmed.

/s/ Lew Romney

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